

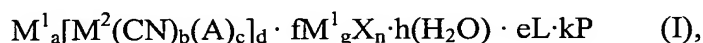
IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A process for preparing at least one alkoxyate, which comprises:

bringing at least one alkylene oxide selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, butylene oxide, pentylene oxide, and decene oxide into contact with at least one ~~monofunctional linear or branched alcohol having from 2 to 24 carbon atoms~~ monofunctional linear or singly or multiply branched alcohol having from 10 to 15 carbon atoms in the presence of at least one double metal cyanide compound of the general formula (I):



wherein

- M^1 is at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of Zn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{3+} , Ni^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Sn^{2+} , Pb^{2+} , Mo^{4+} , Mo^{6+} , Al^{3+} , V^{4+} , V^{5+} , Sr^{2+} , W^{4+} , W^{6+} , Cr^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Cd^{2+} , Hg^{2+} , Pd^{2+} , Pt^{2+} , V^{2+} , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Cu^{2+} , La^{3+} , Ce^{3+} , Ce^{4+} , Eu^{3+} , Ti^{3+} , Ti^{4+} , Ag^+ , Rh^{2+} , Rh^{3+} , Ru^{2+} , and Ru^{3+} ;
- M^2 is at least one metal ion selected from the group consisting of Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{2+} , Co^{3+} , Mn^{2+} , Mn^{3+} , V^{4+} , V^{5+} , Cr^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Rh^{3+} , Ru^{2+} , and Ir^{3+} ;
- A and X are each, independently of one another, an anion selected from the group consisting of halide, hydroxide, sulfate, carbonate, cyanide, thiocyanate, isocyanate, cyanate, carboxylate, oxalate, nitrate, nitrosyl, hydrogensulfate, phosphate, dihydrogenphosphate, hydrogenphosphate, and hydrogencarbonate;

- L is a water-miscible ligand selected from the group consisting of alcohols, aldehydes, ketones, ethers, polyethers, esters, polyesters, polycarbonate, ureas, amides, primary, secondary and tertiary amines, ligands having a pyridine nitrogen, nitriles, sulfides, phosphides, phosphites, phosphanes, phosphonates, and phosphates;

- k is a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0;

- P is an organic additive;

- a, b, c, d, g and n are selected so that the compound (I) is electrically neutral, wherein c may be equal to 0;

- e is the number of ligand molecules and is a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0;

- f and h are each, independently of one another, a fraction or integer greater than or equal to 0; and

wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 130°C to 155°C.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein

(1) M^1 is selected from the group consisting of Zn^{2+} , Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , Co^{3+} , Ni^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , and Co^{2+} ; or

(2) M^2 is selected from the group consisting of Fe^{2+} , Fe^{3+} , and Co^{3+} .

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein M^1 is Zn^{2+} and M^2 is Co^{3+} .

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein the at least one alkylene oxide is ethylene oxide or propylene oxide.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein the alcohol is a Guerbet alcohol.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein the alcohol is 2-propylheptanol or an isomer mixture thereof.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 10, wherein the sum of inert gas partial pressure and alkylene oxide partial pressure is from 1.5 bar to 6.0 bar during the induction phase.

Claim 17 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the alcohol is selected from the group consisting of tridecanol, propylheptanol, and mixtures of C₁₃- and C₁₅-alcohols.

Claim 18 (New): The process according to claim 14, wherein the Guerbet alcohol is selected from the group consisting of ethylhexanol, propylheptanol, and butyl octanol.

Claim 19 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 140°C to 155°C.

Claim 20 (New): The process according to claim 10, wherein the reaction is carried out at a temperature of from 140°C to 150°C.

Claim 21 (New): An alkoxylate obtained by the process of claim 10.

SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

Claim 10 is currently amended.

Claims 1-9 were previously canceled.

Claims 17-21 are added.

Support for the amendment to claim 10 can be found in the specification at page 11, lines 29-33, as originally filed.

Support for claims 17-21 can be found in the specification at page 4, lines 11-12, page 12, lines 12-13, page 11, lines 31-33, and page 13, lines 24-25, as originally filed.

No new matter has been added. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is requested.

Upon entry of the amendments, claims 10-21 will be pending in the present application.